CLASSIFICATION OFFICE DECISION

Title of publication:	8.jpg
Other known title(s):	Sex Box 021
OFLC ref:	0900015.009
Medium:	Computer Image File
Publisher:	Not stated
Country of origin:	Not stated
Language:	Not applicable
Applicant:	Commissioner of Police
Classification:	Objectionable.
Descriptive note:	None
Display conditions:	None
Date of entry in Register:	17 August 2009
Date of direction to issue a label:	No direction to issue a label has been issued

Summary of reasons for decision:

The computer image file is deemed to be objectionable because it promotes and supports the use of urine in association with degrading conduct. It does this by presenting an image a woman being forcibly restrained as a person urinates onto her face and into her mouth, in a manner that is clearly intended to be sexually arousing to persons with a prurient interest in images of this nature. There is no other possible reading for the image.

The Classification Office has considered the effects of the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990 on the application of the classification criteria. The classification of this publication interferes with the freedom of expression, but this is an outcome that is consistent with Parliament's intention that publications falling under s3(2) of the Films, Videos, and Publications Classification Act 1993 are deemed to be objectionable. The classification is also a reasonable limitation on the freedom of expression that reflects the concern of a free and democratic society to limit the availability of publications that promote and support the use of urine in association with degrading conduct.